

CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 15th January 2017 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A Week 2
World Day of Migrants and Refugees



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MUSINGS: Lamb of God

Say a prayer today for the Church in Syria which is being decimated by five years of war. It was the Syrian Church in the seventh century that gave us the prayer Lamb of God which we recite three times at Sunday Mass. A timely prayer for mercy and peace to prevail in face of the pervasive warring 'sin of the world'.

Not the Lamb, 'meek and mild' of Blake's poem of Innocence, in Mass today, but the 'Lamb who was slain', mentioned thirty times in the Apocalypse, and identified by Philip in Acts 8 as the Suffering Servant for the benefit of the open minded and enquiring Ethiopian.

John the Baptist was the first to say Jesus is the Lamb of God, the first to say in a universalist way that Christ would take away not only Israel's sin but the sin of the whole world. His weapons are mercy and peace. Spread them widely.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm	Deirdre Carolon-O'Regan (Anniv.) Kevin O'Brien (1st Anniv.) Audrey McNabb (1st Anniv.)
Sun	8.30am	Kathleen, Peter & Brian Finnegan (Anniv.)
	10.00am	Niall, Patrick & Winifred Whelan (Anniv.) John O'Connor (Anniv.)
	11.30am	Margaret McCaffrey (Month's Mind) Special Intention
Mon.	10.00am	Tom Ayton (Rec. Dec'd) John Davis (Rec. Dec'd)
Tues.	10.00am	Robert Coyle (Rec. Dec'd)
Wed.	10.00am	Terry O'Kelly (Rec. Dec'd)
Thurs.	10.00am	Bill Doyle (Rec. Dec'd)
Fri.	10.00am	John Davis (Rec. Dec'd)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18-25, 2017

This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity draws its inspiration from 2nd Corinthians 5:14-20; the love of Christ compels us towards reconciliation.

The closing date for applications for enrolment in **Scoil Íde** for September 2017 is 31st January 2017.

Feast Days This Week

Tuesday 17th January - St. Anthony
Saturday 21st January - St. Agnes

Laudate Festival

Choirs from Scoil Áine and Scoil As-saim along with choirs from nine other northside schools will be participating in the Laudate Festival in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun on January 31st at 7pm. Entry to the festival is free and all are welcome.

The **St. Vincent de Paul** would like to thank you most sincerely for your support for the **annual Christmas collection**. The amount raised was €17,750.

This weekend's Church gate collection is for St. Vincent de Paul

Next Sunday's Readings : Is 8:23-:3. Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14, R/ v 1. 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17. Mt 4:12-23

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.